

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 967

Introduced by Assembly Member Ma

February 26, 2009

An act to amend Section 11501 of the Food and Agricultural Code, relating to pesticides.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 967, as introduced, Ma. Pesticides: safety.

Existing law provides that the purpose of certain statutes relating to pesticides is to provide for the proper, safe, and efficient use of pesticides, protect the environment, assure worker safety, permit control of licensees by the Director of Pesticide Regulation and county commissioners, assure consumers of proper and appropriate labeling, and encourage pest management systems.

This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes in that provision.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 11501 of the Food and Agricultural Code
2 is amended to read:
3 11501. The purposes of this division and Chapter 1
4 (commencing with Section 12501), Chapter 2 (commencing with
5 Section 12751), Chapter 3 (commencing with Section 14001), and
6 Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 14101) of Division 7 are
7 as follows:

1 (a) To provide for the proper, safe, and efficient use of pesticides
2 *that are* essential for production of food and fiber and for protection
3 of the public health and safety.

4 (b) To protect the environment from environmentally harmful
5 pesticides by prohibiting, regulating, or ensuring proper
6 stewardship of those pesticides.

7 (c) To ~~assure~~ *ensure* the agricultural and pest control workers
8 of safe working conditions where pesticides are present.

9 (d) To permit agricultural pest control by competent and
10 responsible licensees and permittees under strict control of the
11 director and commissioners.

12 (e) To ~~assure~~ *ensure* consumers and users that pesticides are
13 properly labeled and are appropriate for the use designated by the
14 label and that state or local governmental dissemination of
15 information on pesticidal uses of any registered pesticide product
16 is consistent with the uses for which the product is registered.

17 (f) To encourage the development and implementation of pest
18 management systems, stressing application of biological and
19 cultural pest control techniques with selective pesticides when
20 necessary to achieve acceptable levels of control with the least
21 possible harm to nontarget organisms and the environment.